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shipped during the rest of the month. I believe the hospital will be disinfected and cleaned and used for hospital purposes.

Respectfully,

H. S. CAMINERO, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector U. S. M. H. S.
 The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Quarantine established against Caracas and La Guayra, Venezuela.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., August 27, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information a copy of a dispatch from our minister at Copenhagen, reporting that the Government of the Danish West Indies has declared a quarantine of fifteen days against Caracas and the port of La Guayra on account of an epidemic of smallpox at those places.

Respectfully, yours,

J. B. MOORE,
Acting Secretary.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Copenhagen, August 13, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the Danish West Indies has declared a quarantine of fifteen days against Caracas and the port of La Guayra on account of an epidemic of smallpox at these places.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LAURITS S. SWENSON.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

Report on prevalence of infectious diseases.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *August 17, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan for period July 28 to August 16, inclusive.

In so doing I beg to call your attention to the increasing prevalence of epidemic dysentery, which is now general throughout Japan, with the exception of a few provinces. The mortality is, however, so far, low as compared with that of the same disease during the last few years, approximating 13 per cent only.

As regards the prefecture of Kanagawa, in which Yokohama is situated, dysentery is at present far more severe than, I think, it has ever been before, the number of cases being at least four times as many as at the corresponding period of last year's severe and general outbreak. Yokohama itself is fortunately comparatively free from the malady, an exemption which is no doubt to be credited to its exceptionally good water supply. The governor of the Ken, on the 10th instant, issued instructions to sanitary officials, with a circular of advice to the people, calling attention to the spread and importance of the epidemic, and